

RemarksStatus of Claims

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 1-3, 5-10, 12, 13, 29, 30, and 49 have been allowed.

Claims 14, 16-22, 24-28, 31-37, and 44-48 are rejected.

Claims 38-42 are objected to.

Claim Amendments

Claims 14, 16-22, 24-28, 31-37, and 44-48 are cancelled in this amendment.

Claims 38 and 39, although objected to, are also cancelled in this amendment.

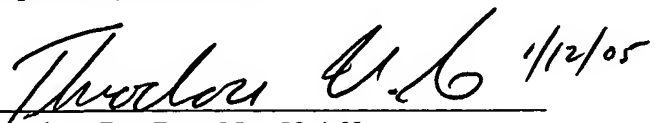
Claim 40 has been re-written in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments, it is submitted that the subject application now stands in a condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to phone Mr. Theodore Ro, attorney for Applicant, 281-244-7148, if in his opinion such a phone call would serve to expedite the prosecution of subject patent application.

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